



Brownfields 2004 Grant Fact Sheet


Westbrook, ME

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, the President signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Westbrook was selected to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Located west of Portland, Westbrook has 16,142 residents, of whom 53 percent are classified as having low to moderate incomes. Approximately 13.2 percent of the city's children live in poverty. The city is an historic mill town struggling with the legacies of its industrial heritage and falling short in its efforts to reclaim lost business from the region's larger shopping areas. Most of the city's lumber, textile, and pulp and paper mills have shut down in recent years. Brownfields redevelopment is expected to lead to commercial and recreational development of the riverfront of the Presumpscot River, which flows through the city's center. It will also



Assessment Grant

New 2004

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Westbrook to receive a brownfields assessment grant. Grant funds will be used to conduct an inventory and analysis of brownfield sites in the city. Approximately five to nine Phase I assessments will be performed at a tire manufacturing site, an unused park, and three to six other sites. At least two Phase II assessments will also be conducted as warranted. Grant funds also will be used to develop remedial action and reuse plans for selected sites.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, the activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

lead to reclamation of the downtown retail district, and the creation of jobs.